



Captain Charles W. Bell

Commanding Officer

United States Navy

Captain Bell graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1978 with a degree in Operations Research. He received his Masters in Computer Systems Management in 1989 from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

Captain Bell's first tour was as plank owner and Aviation Stores Officer on the USS Nassau (LHA 4) out of Norfolk, VA. He later served as the Supply Officer on the USS Arthur W Radford (DD 968), also out of Norfolk, where he had the opportunity to make a UNITAS deployment and contributed to the award of the ship's first Supply Blue "E".

Shore assignments included the Navy Finance Center (now DFAS) in Cleveland, OH in the Data Processing Department, followed by a tour at COMSUBPAC, Pearl Harbor, HI as the type commander's first Force ADP Officer. Following graduate school in Monterey, Captain Bell joined the Navy Fleet Material Support Office (FMSO) in Mechanicsburg, PA as a Project Officer in charge of NAVSUP logistics telecommunications networks. From there it was back to the west coast in 1993 as the COMNAVAIRPAC Force Information Systems Officer in San Diego, CA.

In 1996 Captain Bell was part of the advanced liaison team supporting COMSPAWARSYSCOM's (SPAWAR) move from Washington, D.C. to San Diego. He worked at SPAWAR in the Naval Tactical Command Support System (NTCSS) program office as a deputy program manager. Additionally, he served in a dual capacity in SPAWAR 04R Resources Management. Captain Bell followed that tour as the Officer in Charge (OIC) of SPAWAR Systems Center Chesapeake Detachment San Diego where he was in charge of all west coast NTCSS implementations. Captain Bell returned to FMSO in 2000 as the Director of Navy Logistics Systems, and then in 2001 joined the Department of the Navy (DON) e-Business Operations Office as the Director of the DON Smart Card/Common Access Card program.

Captain Bell's personal awards include the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal (three awards), Navy Sea Service, and Expert Pistol.